

**Milford Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes September 8, 2016 7:00pm BOS meeting room**

**Present:** MEMBERS: Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Andy Hughes, VChair; Janet Urquhart, Hub Seward, Andy Seale. Excused: Kim Rimalover

**ALTERNATES:** Greg Boggis, Eric Radloff, David Bosquet, Chris Costantino

**OTHERS:** Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director

**Approval of August Meeting Minutes** Unanimously approved on a motion by Janet, seconded by Eric.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike	a. August 27 Mile Slip Janet reported that there were 9 hikers and 2 dogs. It was very hot but the trails were nice. Brook was dry. b. September 24 Mayflower TF	Chris to ask if Kim can lead the hike. Janet will check her calendar.
2. Wetland Ordinance changes	Audrey attended the PB work session to discuss the proposed changes to the Wetland Overlay District ordinance (6.02.0). The Planning Department is proposing to make clarification changes to alleviate confusion.	Audrey and Chris will work on this for the members to review and submit to the PB for their Sept 27 meeting
3. Heron Pond Fields AoT Permit	Audrey showed the members the Alteration of Terrain permit which has been issued to the town for the construction of ball fields along Heron Pond Road. There is a 30 day appeal period. Audrey expressed her disappointment that the entire Community lands property wasn't considered. The Heron Pond Fields were considered as their own impact.	
4. Easements at town forests	Mile Slip & Hitchiner. Audrey, Chris and AndyH met with New England Forestry Foundation Whit Beals and Betsy Cook at Hitchiner and Mile Slip. NEFF is interested in holding the easements on both properties. Whit and Betsy will meet with their staff and the full NEFF board in September	
5. Keyes Field Expansion Committee report - Hub	Still awaiting quotes for renovation. Survey to be released soon to see interest of the town in various options	
6. Upcoming dates and who can do what and when	a. September 17 - Fall Family Festival –Zombie Orienteering 5:30 – 8:30pm (Sat pm) b. October 7-9 - Pumpkin Fest –Brian and George will help c. October 21-23 - Ghost Train Rail Trail Race d. November 5 - SV Chamber Expo - (all day Saturday) e. November 12 - NHCC Annual Meeting	a. Brian Hawkins to help b. George Skuse, Brian Hawkins, Janet set up Sat am, AndyS Sat aft., Audrey Sun takedown, c. Volunteer sign up on website AndyH set up Fridpm, Audrey roadcrossing Sunam <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aafac2ea6f58-ghost1">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aafac2ea6f58-ghost1</a> d. The commission members are not available with the booth at the SVCC Expo. Brian Hawkins and

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		George Skuse will help if OCD purchases a booth.
7. Trails Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. SRT West bridge closure</li><li>b. Connection of SRT East through Souhegan Gardens/Nielsen property to N River Rd to bypass the gravel bank</li><li>c. Remove trees from the Mayflower TF lookout that are closing in the view</li><li>d. Parking area at Melendy Rd/Rail trail</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Work with WW SMC to get a repaired bridge in place</li><li>b. Audrey will contact landowner. Chris to get her contact info</li><li>c. Eric will take a look at the trees</li><li>d. Chris to write letter "authorizing" DPW to begin the work</li></ul>

**End televised portion of the meeting**

8. ATV Use at Mile Slip	The members discussed allowing ATV use at Mile Slip. The Mudhaws had asked for permission. None of the members want to see ATV use on the property. If there were need for a crossing to connect to another adjacent property, that would be considered. Eric suggested that we hold a stakeholders meeting for discussion to hear the issues and perhaps find some solutions.	Chris to draft a letter for Audrey to send to the Mudhaws.
9. Interdepartmental review	None to review	
10. Conservation Plan update	No work done	
11. Work session	Set a date for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Schedule a site walk on the Rail Trail to generate a projects/priority list</li><li>b. Update the display for upcoming public events</li></ul>	Chris to notify the members of September 14 work session to work on the display boards
12. River crossing signs	George May suggested that the MCC post signs at road crossings of brooks and Souhegan River. Janet suggested that this be an Eagle Scout project	Chris to add to the Eagle Scout list in the files

**Meeting adjourned 8:00pm****Next Regular Meeting – October 13, 2016 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.****Meeting schedule for 2016:** Jan 14; Feb 11; Mar 10; Apr 14; May 12; Jun 9; Jul 14; Aug 11; Sep 8; Oct 13; Nov 17; Dec 15*The order and matters of this meeting are subject to change without further notice.*

